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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS LE US

SUBJ: CHARGES OF US COMPLICITY IN ISRAELI RAID ON LEBANON

REF: STATE 68250

1. REACTING TO HEADLINES IN LOCAL PRESS APRIL 12 QTE CONFIRMING US PARTICIPATION UNQTE IN ISRAELI RAID, I URGENTLY CONTACTED FONMIN UNDER SECRETARY RASHID AL- RASHID AND PRTESTED OUTRAGEOUS STORIES IN PRESS AS TOTALLY FALSE AND INCITEMENTS TO ATTACK AMERICANS AND AMERICAN INTERESTS IN AREA. I SPECIFICALLY DREW UNDERSECRETARY' S ATTENTION TO STRONG US DENIALS OF ANY INVOLVEMENT IN RAIDS AND DEPLORED CALLS TO VIOLENCE THAT COULD ONLY MAKE MATTERS WORSE.
2. UNDER SECRETARY SAID GOK DID NOT RPT NOT SUPPORT PUBLISHING OF ANY SUCH STORIES. HE ADDED THAT SINCE PRESS IN KUWAIT WAS FEE, THERE WAS PROBLEM AS TO HOW FAR GOK COULD ACTUALLY CONTROL WHAT WAS PRINTED. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD INFORM FONMIN SABAH URGENTLY AND SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE.
3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE GOK MAKING REAL EFFORT TO KEEP SITUATION IN KUWAIT ACL. GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED RADIO AND TV HAVE NOT RPT NOT MENTIONED ALLEGATIONS OF US COMPLICITY IN RAIDS IN NEW PROGRAMS, ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND MENTION OF THEM WAS MADE DURING COURSE OF ONE TV PROGRAM. SYMBOLIC FUNERAL OF PLESTINIAN COMMANDO LEADERS KILLED IN LEBANON APRIL 12, ATTENDED
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BY SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE, CAME OFF PEACEFULLY. GOK KEPT

PROCESSION WELL OUTSIDE CENTRAL CITY AND PREVENTED DEMONSTRATIONS
AFTERWARDS.
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